Fingerprints

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Jason's fingers play join-the-dots.

Like blots of ink soaked into parchment, the bruises move from blue-black to delicate strawberry-red--now isn't *that* pretty--and then sickly yellow-green. An obscene rainbow. A thin weal--from the kitchen counter--already joins several discolourations for him. His fingernail scrapes along it, cherishing it, before continuing its journey.

He pulls back to look, with abstract admiration, at layers of bruises; the soft fade between each splotch reminds him of a Monet. Fingertips trace marks over sharp hip bones; nails press into the tender spots.

James flinches in his sleep.